IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S) : Yuriko Fukuoka, et al.

TITLE : WATER-SOLUBLE TETRAZOLIUM

COMPOUNDS

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2008, setting forth an Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect the species expressed by the formulae (a) of FIGURE 1 for further prosecution of the subject application. All claims read on this species.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination. Such examination is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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